



THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy (high and medium clouds), with a possibility of local showers in the South and Sinai.

Humidity	Yesterday	Today
Jerusalem	46	15-18
Golan	31	4-18
Nahariya	24	8-20
Safed	29	11-17
Haifa	64	15-21
Tiberias	40	14-26
Nazareth	11	11-20
Afula	69	9-22
Shomron	52	15-19
Tel Aviv	72	12-20
Yotvata	43	10-23
Jericho	36	13-24
Qana	74	11-20
Beersheba	60	11-20
Beit	23	18-29
Tiran	36	18-29

Social and Personal

President Zalman Shazar yesterday travelled to Tiberias for a traditional vacation in the Tiberias spas as guest of the Kinneret shore town.

Jean Bruck, secretary of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Europe, called on Labour Minister Yosef Almog yesterday.

The Canadian Ambassador, Mr. T. Paul Malone, and Mrs. Malone yesterday visited the Hebrew University, meeting the President, Mr. Avraham Harman, and the Vice-President, Mr. Bernard Chervak.

A German delegation negotiating a social security agreement between Israel and the Federal Republic was yesterday the guest of Dr. Yisrael Katz, Director of the National Insurance Institute, at a dinner at the Holyland Hotel, Jerusalem. The German Ambassador, Jesco von Puttkamer, also attended.

Senator and Mrs. Harold Hughes of Iowa, and their two daughters visited the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem yesterday. They were shown around by the National President of Hadassah, Mrs. Max M. Matzkin; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, Past National President of Hadassah; and Professor K.J. Mann, Director-General of H.M.O.

Sen. Hughes was the luncheon guest of the chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Mr. Haim Zadok.

Sen. Hughes also called on Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The visiting group of French Parachute Corps veterans toured the north yesterday and were the luncheon guests of the O.C. Northern Command Aluf Yitzhak Hoti at the Mt. Tabor resort home in Nazareth.

Mr. Gian Paolo Papa, a senior official of the European Common Market, yesterday called on Mr. Yehoram Meshel, Deputy Secretary-General of the Histadrut.

Rev. George L. Cadigan, Bishop of Missouri; Rev. John A. Shooklee, Executive Secretary of the Archdiocese Commission on Human Rights in Missouri; Rev. John N. Doggett, pastor of the Union Memorial Methodist Church of St. Louis, and Mr. Virgil L. Borden, regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, St. Louis, visited Bar-Ilan University Monday and had lunch with the Chancellor, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein.

The Missouri clergymen yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute.

An association "to explore the practical and intellectual issues which confront the present-day committed and thinking Jew" was founded at the Samuel Hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday. Among the founding members are Prof. Harold Fish, of Bar-Ilan, who became chairman, Prof. Moshe Goshen-Gottstein of the Hebrew University, Prof. Ephraim Katchalski, of the Weizmann Institute, Prof. Jacob Petuchowski, of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Prof. Morton Bloomfield, Harvard University, Prof. Marvin Fox, Ohio State University, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, of Jerusalem, Dr. Uriel Simon and Prof. Moshe Schwarz, both of Bar-Ilan University.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club is holding a ladies' night at 8 p.m. today at the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Jan Jongejans will extend greetings from Holland.

The Ghanaian Ambassador, Major-General S.J.A. Otu, will speak (in English) on Ghana at the Halfa Rotary Club, Appinger Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

The Skol Club of Mt. Carmel has elected E. Luft president; S. Ben-Kiki vice-president; Mrs. Herta Leshli hon. treasurer; R. Weiss hon. secretary; W.Z. Salomon, membership; A. Lurie programming and T. Katz public relations officers.

Fashionable Furs — of course at Rosen Fur Salon, 72 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv, Tel. 615990. Highly exclusive styles. (A.d.v.)

ARRIVALS

Professor Nathaniel Stepien, Vice-President of Queens College, New York, as guest of Bar-Ilan University.

DROUGHT MAKES WATER ECONOMIES ESSENTIAL

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Stringent water discipline and stiff penalties against consumers who exceed their quotas were predicted yesterday by Mr. Menahem Kantor, the Water Commissioner.

He told a press conference at Beit Sokolow here yesterday. These steps became necessary because of the skimpy rainfall in the Lake Kinneret area. The Lake is already 300 million cubic metres short of the optimal quantity needed to see farmers over the summer, he said. The Jordan River has shrunk, and the flow of water during the month of January dropped to the lowest figure ever recorded, 21.5m. cubic metres, compared to a record flow during January 1969 of 322.5m. cubic metres.

Mr. Kantor said that it had been decided not to lower the water quotas to farmers at present. "But if the situation grows worse, we may have to do so later."

Mr. Kantor was optimistic that with the aid of a stringent water discipline "we will be able to finish out the year without having to cut water quotas. The truth is that the farmers have had their quotas cut de facto. The frost and lack

of rain have made their lands "thirstier." They will not be able to manage with their present quotas, so they will have to cut their cultivated areas.

It was also revealed that the price of water will go up April 1. The rise will amount to about 15 per cent for farmers and about 30 per cent for urban consumers. Fines will also be raised for excessive quotas. The charge for excessive consumption will be double the normal price.

According to a research study made by Tahal, Israel ideally should have water reserves amounting to three times annual consumption (between 400 to 500m. c.m.). In fact, Mr. Kantor said, "reserves come to about a half to two-thirds of consumption. This is a fact and we will have to live with it. We just do not have reserves."

Mr. Kantor claimed that cities waste large quantities of water. "I don't want to name them, but there are cities, big cities, that waste 40 per cent of their consumption in leaks. If, for instance, Tel Aviv were to decide to change all its leaking mains, the police would not allow it. The streets that would have to be opened up would stop traffic."

Rich water well near Modi'in

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Large quantities of sweet water were discovered on Sunday near Modi'in. The water is coming out at a rate of about 200 c.m. an hour. Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch told The Jerusalem Post that the water is not at all saline and might be a good source of water for Jerusalem.

This well is the deepest ever drilled in Israel, 1,050 metres. Mekorot has been drilling in this area for the last year. Now, after striking water, it plans to continue drilling for more wells.

Determined Israel holds Argentine XI to 1-1 draw

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ninety minutes of determined football enabled Israel to hold the artillery of the Argentine national team to a 1-1 draw before a capacity crowd of 22,000 at the Bloomfield Stadium last night.

Israel should have won by a two goal margin, and only failed to do so because Zvi Rosen missed with a penalty spot kick in the 65th minute. An Argentinian defender handled the ball, Referee Eytan pointed to the penalty spot, and Captain Rosen hastily ran up to shoot the ball hard — but straight at goalkeeper Carnevali.

Ten minutes earlier Sharabani headed over with an open goal in front of him. This was poor reward for the best Israel attack in the game.

Israel took the lead in the 30th minute. Sharabani took a free kick from 25 metres out, lobbed the ball onto teammate Farhas, who headed back into the goalmouth for Yitzhak Shum to nod the ball past Carnevali. The lead was short-lived. Five minutes later defender Heredia broke through the centre and sent a low shot past the advancing Visoker. A minute later Visoker made a flying save from Alonso.

The ball artistry of the Argentinians was at times breathtaking and delighted the crowd. What the Israelis lacked in ball control they made up for in keen running, and not giving an inch to the classier visitors. Shum and Dami were best for Israel, and left winger Glusko and Brindal split most danger to the Israel defence.

Unseasonable winter hits fisheries too

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The drought and unseasonably warm weather has hit Israel's Mediterranean fisheries, as well as the farmers.

Trawler catches, which should be at their height at this time, as much as 25 tons a week, are down to ten tons or less.

The fishermen who fish in surface waters just off the coast are also feeling the pinch. Fishermen's Union Secretary Dov Schmiede told The Post yesterday. They are netting only about 10 kgs. a trip, compared to their usual quarter ton at this time. "We can't remember weather like this in February," he noted.

He believed the dearth of fish close to the shore was the result of the lack of winter storms, which usually drive the fish towards the coast for shelter, and the lack of nutrients, which rains usually wash into the sea.

Strike prevents JNF group from meeting Dayan

HERZLIYA. — Some 350 international Keren Hayesod mission members were disappointed to learn yesterday that they would not have a chance to meet and question Defence Minister Moshe Dayan as originally scheduled.

The tired mission members, just back from an all-day tour to the Suez Canal, arrived more than half an hour late at the Sharon Hotel, where the meeting was to take place. They were informed that because of the delay they would not be able to hear Mr. Dayan, who would, however, reply to any questions submitted to him in writing.

Their delay in arriving was partly the fault of El Al's strike. The group was to have flown to Sinai in a Boeing 707, but that flight had to be cancelled along with the rest of the company's scheduled flights. The fact that the mission members got to Sinai at all can be credited to the Defence Minister, who personally approved the use of two Air Force planes to help three other Air Force planes ferry the largest Keren Hayesod mission on record to the south.

Thus the group flew in an Air Force Hercules and Stratocruiser, as well as in two Air Force Viscounts and one Herold. They landed at an air strip in Sinai and from there proceeded in 10 buses to the Canal, opposite Ismailia, to exchange mutually curious glances with the Egyptian troops on the other side.

El Al strike

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sabotaged El Al, and more successfully than the Arab terrorists. El Al is threatened by financial collapse (Yehuda Ben-Meir — N.R.P.).

El Al staffs must realize that they enjoy special privileges and must behave with special responsibility. (David Koren — Alignment).

The airline's profits have been shrinking steadily over the years. The latest unrest came just when the airline's fortunes appeared to be picking up slightly (Gideon Hausner — I.L.P.).

It would be absurd and inadvisable to threaten the strikers, and make fools of ourselves, by warning them that El Al might close down if they don't return to work (Eli ezer Shostak — Free Centre).

The majority of the Knesset merely wants to reduce Israel's working men to the status of slum-dwellers and welfare recipients (Meir Wilner — New Communists).

The wildest strikers must be taught a serious lesson. They seek to do El Al as much harm as they possibly can (Avraham Werdiger — Poale Aguda).

The jungle style in labour relations has received indirect encouragement from the Histadrut's "fifth floor" Secretary-General (Meir Avizohar — Independent).

Writers union avoids Arab members issue

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The extraordinary general assembly of the Hebrew writers association yesterday adjourned without acting on a motion to admit Arab members ... the issue for which the meeting was called. The association decided to hold another general assembly within a month.

Confusion arose when a member moved that before discussing the three motions before the assembly, it should vote on whether it wanted any change of its by-laws. This motion was carried by 78 votes to 70, to the utter dismay of the leading members of the association.

Several of the more extreme members declared they were leaving the association. But veteran author Haim Hazaz, president of the association, suggested that the association organize parallel unions of writers whose working tongue was other than Hebrew, and then to unite the unions in a federation.

The storm subsided, but it was felt that the atmosphere was not conducive to serious debate, and the assembly was adjourned.

The three motions before the association would:

• Restrict membership to Hebrew writers.

• Change the association's name to "Association of Writers in Israel" and throw it open to professional authors writing in any language.

• Create a federation of unions of writers, each restricted to authors in a specific language.

Ministers to draft law on missions

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The six Knesset factions consulting informally about action against aggressive Christian missionaries of the "Jews for Jesus" type, met again in the House yesterday. They decided to let four Cabinet Ministers formulate draft proposals by next month.

Justice Minister Y.S. Shapira, Police Minister Shimon Hillel, Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig, and Welfare Minister Michael Chazani, will try and work out a consensus. The three religious parties and Gahal clearly favour legislation against evangelist missionaries, while the Alignment and the I.L.P. oppose it.

Speaking at yesterday's discussion, Gahal's Esther Razieli-Naor charged that Christian missionaries got funds from Egypt. Aguda's Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz said that "Jews for Jesus" held a meeting for 30 Rehavia high schoolers on Monday night. Poalei Aguda's Rabbi Kalman Kahana said the Vatican's abstention from evangelist preaching proved this practice was not a fundamental of Christianity, as the Justice Minister had contended (the day before).

The N.R.P.'s Yitzhak Raphael claimed that 130,000 Jews in America had joined the "Jews for Jesus" movement.

Independent Liberal Yitzhak Golan said the problem was being handled in an atmosphere of basing and hysterical exaggeration. He said that nobody knew how many Israelis had in fact been converted by Christian missionaries.

In a democracy like Israel, he said, ideology must be combated by ideology and education — not by legislation.

Hit-and-run, upset vehicles kill three

Two persons were killed in road accidents yesterday and a third died when a tractor overturned.

Rivka Reichbach, 26, from Azur, was found dead on the road near Azur yesterday. The body was lying in a pool of blood, and it was believed, at first, that she had been murdered. A post mortem revealed, however, that she had been struck and dragged by a vehicle during the night, and the driver had fled from the scene.

Avraham Zeidner, 48, from Givatayim, was killed yesterday morning when the pick-up truck he was driving overturned on the Beersheba-Dimona road. A passenger who was with him was injured. The reason for the mishap is not known.

A tractor which overturned at Kibbutz Elin Hashlosha in the Western Negev crushed its driver to death. The man, Eliahu Weiner, 22, was trying to extricate another tractor which had sunk in mud.

More local committees in Gaza resign

ASHKELON. — The residents' committees of three more Gaza neighbourhoods — Sajjiye, Zartoum and Turkoman — announced their resignations yesterday, according to the Jerusalem Arabic newspaper "El Kuds."

The resignations, which are the purpose of the latest terrorist propaganda campaign, bring to 10 the number of neighbourhood committees that have stopped since the murder last week of one committee chairman and the unsuccessful attack a day later on former Gaza Mayor Rashad al-Shawa.

No resignations were received by the Military Government, which regards the recently elected committees as purely local affairs and has not granted them any special legal status. Military Government circles do not think the resignations threaten the generally peaceful security situation in the Strip. Despite growing calls for elections in Gaza, however, no action is expected in the near future. (Itim)

Arms found in Golan villages

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — A number of Kalashnikov sub-machineguns, hand-grenades and ammunition were found in the Golan villages of Majdel Shams, Buk'ata and Mas'ada yesterday.

The searches were conducted by police and security officials at the homes of men recently arrested as suspected members of a spy ring organized by and for Syrian Intelligence.

It was a second round of searches in the past 10 days. Similar arms and ammunition were found in the villages earlier this month.

State List calls for settlement of 'areas'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State List party wound up its one-day convention in Jerusalem yesterday with a call for settlement throughout the West Bank. Party Secretary Yigal Hurwitz declared: "Israel did not destroy the partition (of c.s.-Jordan). The partition destroyed itself."

He said there need be no fear of absorbing an Arab majority into Israel.

David Ben-Gurion, who led the State List into the 1968 elections and resigned soon after, Moshe Dayan and most of the ex-Raf Knesset Members who rejoined the Labour Alignment in 1967 attended the festive closing session in the evening. Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Dayan drew loud, standing ovations. Overlooking the convention dais was a massive picture of Ben-Gurion, and along the side of the hall a poster read: "We have returned to the mountains, to the cradle of the history of our people, to the heritage of our fathers, to the land of the Judges and the kingdom of David" — Moshe Dayan, August 1967.

Mr. Hurwitz said the party would fight the elections on a platform of electoral reform, settlement throughout the areas, and "the right man for Prime Minister" — an apparent reference to Moshe Dayan. The convention resolved to press for "Israeli sovereignty from the Mediterranean to the Jordan."

Mr. Ben-Gurion left after Mr. Hurwitz's speech, explaining that he had to visit his doctor. Mr. Dayan left with him.

Begin: Wait till elections to talk of withdrawal

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Herut chairman Menahem Begin appealed yesterday to Premier Golda Meir not to make any commitment on withdrawal at her meeting with President Nixon in the U.S. next month.

The Gahal leader, who spoke at a press luncheon in Beit Agnon in Jerusalem, said he welcomed Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's recent statement that Jews have the right to settle anywhere in the Land of Israel. He scathingly rejected the plans proffered by Deputy Premier Yigal Alon, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, which involve giving up portions of the territories now in Israeli hands.

He also criticized the statement attributed to Mr. Alon (and since denied) that he would consider granting King Hussein some rights over Jerusalem's Moslem holy places. "The King is not a religious functionary," Mr. Begin said, "and it is not up to us to appoint him representative of the Arab world." He said he planned to bring the matter up in the Knesset, and called on Mr. Alon not to hesitate to retract his words.

Mr. Begin reported that there had been negotiations recently between Gahal and the State List on forming one bloc in the elections this autumn. The State List, however, decided against the idea, Mr. Begin said.

Asked about missionary activities, Herut's chairman said church leaders ought to feel ashamed at the attempts to "steal souls from the remnants of Israel." He called on the Knesset to deal with the problem through legislation, and at the same time, cautioned against any physical attacks on missionaries.



David Ben-Gurion under a massive picture of himself at the State List's convention in Jerusalem last night. With him is State List M.K. Isser Harel. (Rubinger)

West Bank road 'not politically significant'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jewish National Fund spokesman confirmed last night that a new road was being built in the hills west of the Jordan River. He refused, however, to attach any political significance to it.

The spokesman was relating a story in yesterday's "New York Times" which reported that a new road that may eventually link Jerusalem with the upper Jordan Valley was being quietly built through the West Bank. The story by Terence Smith, the "Times" correspondent in Jerusalem, linked the new road to the so-called Alon Plan.

If the road were continued, wrote Smith, it would divide the West Bank roughly along the lines proposed by Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon as the basis for a settlement with Jordan. Mr. Alon has called for a strip of Israeli settlements along the Jordan River with the Arab-populated mountain crest to the west being returned to Arab sovereignty.

The J.N.F. spokesman said that a 16-kilometre stretch of road is being built to link two newly established Nahal settlements with each other and with the nearest existing roads. The two settlements, Gittit and Mechora, were set up on the eastern foothills of Samaria. Mechora is almost 13 kilometres west of the Jordan River.

The "Times" story said that no word of the project had appeared in the Israeli press. The Jerusalem Post, however, reported on February 23, 1972, that a 94-kilometre road was being planned between Jericho and Beisan, paralleling existing Jordan Valley road.

Last night, the J.N.F. spokesman said that "nothing had been said so far" on any alternative through the lower Jordan Valley. "If such a new road should be realized," he added, "it is a guess to presume that the stretch now being built may well be a link."

Seven kilometres of the new road have already been completed for asphalt. Scheduled completion is April 1975.

Mr. Smith wrote that the road would have six lanes, and the J.N.F. spokesman as saying six lanes were the new standard "regional roads." A reporter for the Israeli Radio said last night he measured the roadway at 16 metres which he said would be sufficient for four lanes.

E. German bars ties, won't pay

BERLIN (UPI). — East Germany announced yesterday it would refuse to have diplomatic relations with Israel, South Africa and Rhodesia. It also rejected Israel's demand for reparations for Nazi war crimes.

The East German position outlined in the weekly newspaper "Horizons," which reflects East German opinion.

Opposition to paying Israel reparations for Nazi actions has been known. But East German refusal to even have ties with Israel came as a surprise.

"The German Democratic Republic has repeatedly declared its fundamental readiness to have diplomatic ties with other states without any economic or political prerequisites," the newspaper said. "In this it is guided not only by basic principles of the U.N. Charter but also by the resolutions of our organization."

However, the weekly goes on to say, because of its agreement with the Arab states and its regard for U.N. resolutions, it classifies with the racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia. "In this it is guided not only by basic principles of the U.N. Charter but also by the resolutions of our organization."

Canadian credits of \$26.5m. to IEC

OTTAWA (UNA). — Dr. Theodor Meron, the Israeli Ambassador, Monday signed a new five-year agreement with the Export Development Corporation of Canada providing for \$26.5m. in long-term credit to the Israel Electric Corporation. The money is earmarked for the Eshkol C and D thermal power stations in Ashdod.

Deepest sympathies to our colleague,
JACK INDAR, and family
on the death of his
MOTHER
Management and workers
America-Israel Paper Mills Ltd.
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IN VERY DEEP SORROW,
we announce the death on February 20, 1973 of our beloved
ITZHAK SWIRSKY
a righteous man of deep piety, high integrity and great modesty.
A dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother
and uncle.
THE FAMILY

We deeply regret to announce the sudden death
of our Director
ISRAEL KARU
RASSCO FINANCIAL CORP. — New York
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The Jewish Agency Executive
Mourns the untimely death of
ISRAEL KARU
General Manager of RASSCO

The Association For Welfare Of Soldiers
In Israel
Extends Heartiest Congratulations
TO
Mr. & Mrs. M. Davidson,
Mr. & Mrs. R. Kunin,
Mr. & Mrs. S. Lunenfeld,
on the birth of their son, grandson and great-grandson



TARIFF CUTS PLANNED ON 1,350 IMPORTED ITEMS

Aimed at holding price line

Post Economic Correspondent

Cuts will be announced on 1,350 imported industrial goods, with the aim of halving the price hike effect of the week's shift in international exchange rates.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Treasury Department have agreed on a package of tariff reductions which will be 10 per cent where the duty is a fixed rate and 15 per cent where it is a percentage of value.

The cuts will be applied to a wide range of goods, including food products, household appliances (refrigerators, washing machines, TV sets, gas stoves etc.), electronic equipment, work tools, equipment, laminated plastic, children's toys.

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Domestic refrigerators accounted for 63,700 sales, and although domestic brands took 85 per cent of the market, there was still a greater proportionate increase in imports. Demand for TV sets, on the other hand, declined, with 77,500 new sets — a quarter less than in 1971, and a third less than in 1970. Here the local manufacturers did better, increasing their share of the market from 68 to 72 per cent.

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Shemtov: surplus of doctors on way out

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

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Rays Ramli — also known as Esther Shikur — has rejoined her Moslem husband and children at the camp outside Ramallah, where she had been living for the past 20 years. Esther, a Jewish girl who was abducted at age 15, was discovered by Rabbi Hananiah Dori six months ago and persuaded to go to live with her brother in Haifa and return to the Jewish community. However, she was not prepared to give up her family, and did not feel at home with her reformed kin. On Sunday she took a cab back home.

Abuse: Rays (or Esther), with her husband Mustafa, her daughter Siham and a grandchild. (Bahanita Israeli)

Statement by Dahomey F.M. not 'alarming'

Officials in Jerusalem said yesterday they were not unduly concerned at a statement attributed to the Dahomey Foreign Minister condemning Israel's occupation of the area.

The statement, which said Dahomey reserved the right "to take the necessary decisions in this field" were reported on Monday by the Algerian News Agency at the end of the Minister's visit to Algeria.

Israeli observers believe that the Minister, Major Michel Aladey, will play down the Algerian report when he arrives back in Dahomey as other African ministers have tended to do with statements attributed to them in Arab capitals.

Relations between Israel and Dahomey continue to be cordial and show no signs of strain, officials in Jerusalem said.

The enterprise employs 280 workers in Haifa and Holon.

Zim: Passenger lines can be profitable

But Dan and Nili 'obsolete'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Zim Passenger Lines General Manager, Captain Nimrod Eshel, yesterday called for a "speedy and unequivocal" decision on the future of the two passenger ships which the company operates for the Government, the Dan and the Nili.

Speaking at a press conference on board the Nili, he said Zim would honour a Government decision to abolish the passenger fleet, but it could not carry on under the present uncertainty. "If the Government

decides that Israel should continue to operate a passenger fleet, as I believe we should, we have to draw up development plans to suit our ships to the changing market immediately. The eight-year-old vessels are now obsolete. Passengers' expectations are on the rise, and the gap is growing," he warned.

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Injunction lifted on T.A. rabbinical poll

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter

The High Court of Justice yesterday dismissed an injunction blocking the committee preparing the rabbinical elections in Tel Aviv from publishing a tender for the posts of Ashkenazi and Sephardi rabbis.

The court, which was sitting in the High Court of Justice, issued an injunction at his home Friday afternoon at the request of several N.R.P. members. It froze all preparations for the election at this time.

The two sides now agree that the poll will be published but that the candidates would have more than six weeks originally fixed to submit their candidacy. The limit was fixed, however, at which postpones elections indefinitely.

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The two sides further agreed that elections procedures would be approved by the Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Ze'ev Warhaftig.

The N.R.P. majority would like to see the elections of mainly be-cause it does not favour the candi-date of Rabbi Yedidya Frankel, who is a serious rival for the post of Chief Rabbi. If elections of sufficient, a challenger, Rabbi Yedidya Frankel, be found, Rabbi Frankel was very narrowly elected in his bid for the post in 1971 by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

The Warhaftig told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the new regulations had been in preparation over a long time and had been in the Tel Aviv. He said they were needed because some local authorities were sluggish in announcing elections. (In Jerusalem, for instance, there has been no Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi for 12 years.)

The Warhaftig refused, however, to say whether he would announce a vacancy in Tel Aviv under the new regulations. When he became Minister last week, he said, he would study the Tel Aviv file and make his decision.

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Rift in Jerusalem Religious Council holds up funds

By DAVID LANDAU Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry for Religious Affairs has refused to approve the distribution of over IL25,000 by the Jerusalem Religious Council to synagogues and religious institutions in the capital. The Ministry received the Religious Council's report of the proposed allocations recently. Failure to approve it means an effect that the allocations are frozen for the time being.

The Religious Council is at present without a chairman after the resignation of Mr. Yehoshua Baruch last month. Mr. Baruch charged yesterday that the allocations to synagogues and institutions are awarded according to a party key, with Labour, N.R.P. Aguda and Poalei Aguda in effect splitting the money between them.

There are some 500 synagogues in the capital directly in need of support but discriminated against because they were not identified with one or other party, Mr. Baruch alleged.

Georgian leaders 'to restore calm' in Nazareth

The Association of Georgian Immigrants said yesterday it was sending its leaders to "calm" Georgian immigrants in Upper Nazareth following the murder of a Nazareth Arab Friday.

Association chairman Rafael Bar-Lavi (Baiwashvili), a communist, said he will head a group of executive members who will go there today to aid the local Association branch and the Absorption Ministry in "allaying" emotions and ensuring public order.

Eight Georgian immigrants were remained Monday on suspicion of having beaten to death an Arab, Shihni en-Nasir, 47, together with a married immigrant woman. The woman, Regina Polkovskaya, 42, was also beaten and her head was shaved.

Police claim the killing had no ethnic or racial overtones — the assailants did not even know the man they attacked was an Arab. This statement also received support from Nazareth Mayor Rafi e-Din Zuabi, who said Arabs, on finding one of their women in similar circumstances with a Jewish man, probably would have acted the same way.

Histadrut accepts two seamen's unions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Histadrut committee appointed to rule on the future of the Seamen's Union yesterday recommended that separate unions for officers and ratings should be established. However, the union funds should be jointly administered, and a joint committee deal with matters of common interests.

The officers, recently broke away to establish their own union. Yesterday, they decided to accept the committee's recommendations, while the ratings divisions, who vigorously objected to the split, have not yet made up their minds.

East Jerusalemites at hoteliers' convention

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 33 East Jerusalem hotel men will be among the delegates meeting in Netanya today at the two-day convention of the Israel Hoteliers Association, it was announced yesterday.

The 190 hotel-keepers who will be held in April. The agents are the Israel Tractors and Equipment Company, a subsidiary of Israel Investments Corporation, headed by Mr. Sam Rothberg, which formerly owned 70 per cent of its shares. I.L.C. recently bought the remainder from Gal Industries for IL8m, thus becoming sole owner.

The enterprise employs 280 workers in Haifa and Holon.

Fund to assist immigrant writers, artists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Joseph ("Koselle") Rosenzweig, president of the Bergen-Belsen Survivors Association, has set up a IL250,000 fund jointly with the Tel Aviv Foundation to help immigrant writers and artists.

Mr. Rosenzweig announced that he will also contribute IL125,000 towards a similar foundation to help journalists among the newcomers — on condition the Government matches that sum. He met the press at luncheon at the Hilton Hotel yesterday.

The projects are part of a programme commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Twelve writers have already been awarded Warsaw Ghetto prizes of \$5,000 each, while ten others will receive \$2,500 apiece towards their studies of the Holocaust.

Mr. Rosenzweig said his association will "fight" for the inclusion of non-Israelis on the Board of Governors of Yad Vashem. The institution devoted to the study of the Holocaust was by right situated in Jerusalem — but it belonged to the Jewish people as a whole, he said.

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Kadis take stand on polygamy, compulsion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two Moslem religious leaders have published statements criticizing widely practised marriage customs, and calling for action to change them.

The Kadi of Nazareth, Sheikh Hussein el-Zuabi, criticized the phenomenon of men marrying additional wives, circumventing the law prohibiting polygamy. (Moslem law permits a maximum of four wives.)

The Kadi, who is to retire next month, wrote a farewell article in the Moslem News Bulletin, published by the Religious Affairs Ministry. He also called for the establishment of a Moslem Religious Court of Appeals.

The Kadi of the central area, Sheikh Hassan Amin el-Habash, appealed to local council heads, to notables and to persons conducting marriage ceremonies in the Moslem community to persuade parents to respect the wishes of sons and daughters and not force on them spouses not to their liking.

The Kadi explained in the same bulletin that the appeal was prompted, by the case of a girl married by her family against her wishes. She had been about to turn to the Religious Court, but changed her mind after a relative had taken her home and "persuaded" her with a beating.

Such a way of marrying a young woman ran counter to Moslem law and to secular law, Sheikh Hassan said.

The Kadi of Haifa, Sheikh Amin Kassem Madjel, supported his colleague and said he was considering a similar appeal. "Compulsion and Moslem law are irreconcilable," he said.

Luncheon club for ex-South Africans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The South African Zionist Federation's Absorption Committee is launching a luncheon club for new immigrants and former South Africans now well established in Israel. The first meeting will be tomorrow at the Ambassador Hotel.

First speaker will be Jewish Agency Chairman Arye L. Pincus, himself an ex-South African.

Vietcong propose talks in 'neutral zone' in South — or in Paris

PARIS (UPI). — The Vietcong yesterday proposed high-level political talks to be held in a neutral zone in South Vietnam or in Paris.



Isaiah Ambassador Michael Gavrin, chairman of the international commission supervising the Vietnam cease-fire, is shown at his Monday press conference, in which he said the cease-fire is satisfactory. (AP radiophoto)

After their fifth meeting aimed at arranging the conference, the Vietcong said: "Today, in order to break the deadlock concerning the site of the political talks, we have made a new initiative — let us choose a place between the two zones controlled by either side to turn it into the site of a conference."

The South Vietnamese was an appropriate venue for such talks, but added: "If the Saigon administration is not ready to agree with our new proposal, we are ready then to see the official conference open in Paris."

The Paris peace accord stipulated that the two sides meet before May 3 and set up a national council of reconciliation and concord which will organize elections.

Plans for the conference have been blocked by failure to agree on a site and Vietcong fears about their safety should the talks take place in Saigon.

The South Vietnamese have made no secret of their reluctance to have the talks in Paris. They were angered that French police allowed pro-Communist demonstrations to protest at the signing of the peace accord January 27.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Saigon disclosed yesterday that Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam may propose Jakarta or Singapore as the site for the talks.

There was no immediate comment from the Communist side.

Vietnam commission snag over prisoner release

SAIGON (UPI). — Release of North and South Vietnamese prisoners of war threatened to bog down yesterday in a dispute over the release of political prisoners.

Peace-keeping teams moved into combat zones for the first time, with the Joint Military Commission dispatching officials to Sa Huynh on the South China Sea coast, where reports persisted that a Communist post-truce offensive had all but cut Vietnam in half, military sources said.

The South Vietnamese spokesman at yesterday's military press briefing said that at meetings of the JMC subcommittee on captured persons, the Saigon delegate proposed to begin the second phase of the exchange, in which 7,000 more Communist P.O.W.s will be released starting tomorrow.

"But the Communist side refused to discuss continuation of the release of military P.O.W.s," the spokesman said. "They proposed that we begin the release of civilian detainees."

Meanwhile, fighting across Vietnam fell sharply yesterday, but the level of combat remained high enough to indicate field forces are not heeding the appeal issued Saturday by the U.S.-North and South Vietnamese-Vietcong Joint Military Commission to obey the January 28 cease-fire order.

A JMC investigating team left Saigon yesterday en route to An Loc, 98 kms. north of the capital, to look into the shooting-down of an unarmed U.S. supply helicopter flying a JMC mission on Friday.

A second JMC team headed for Sa Huynh, 465 kms. north of Saigon, to investigate heavy fighting there.

Britain hit by gas, rail, teachers' strikes

LONDON (UPI). — Gas workers in southeast Britain modified a 24-hour strike yesterday, easing a potentially dangerous threat to 50,000 homes.

Thousands of commuters were stranded in eastern England by a snap strike of railwaymen, police were called to control angry confrontations between commuters and strikers — and a three-day strike by London schoolteachers closed 79 London schools.

The gas and rail disruptions were a protest against government measures to freeze wages and prices to control inflation, which had been running at 10 per cent annually.

The second phase of the government's controls was expected to begin on April 1, setting a rigid ceiling on pay hikes.

The Southeastern Gas Board warned

ed that the 24-hour strike due to begin at midnight last night would put lives at risk. "Anybody turning on the taps would get a highly dangerous mixture of gas and air, which, if ignited, will explode," a spokesman said.

At last-minute talks with gas board officials yesterday, gas workers said the strike would go on but "adequate supplies" would be maintained to 850,000 homes "to avoid an unsafe situation."

In London, the National Union of Teachers began a three-day strike which closed 79 schools and curtailed teaching in 18 others. Some 40,000 children had no classes. The teachers were demanding increased allowances to meet London's high living costs.

In Essex, to the east of London, railway engineers called a snap strike to protest wage controls. Thousands of commuters were stranded.

Police controlled crowds at Rayleigh when angry commuters threatened railwaymen who refused to man their engines. There were no injuries.

In another wage controls protest, for a long time 220,000 non-medical hospital staff said at least 10 major hospitals would be hit by "extensive strikes" beginning on March 1.

Congolese police force dissolved

BRAZZAVILLE, Congo Republic (AP). — President Marien N'Gouabi announced last night the dissolution of the Congolese police force, the national radio reported.

The army later said that all police questions were to be dealt with by the military government in Brazzaville and by the army in the rest of this former French colony.



Demonstrators from the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry display banners protesting the trials of Soviet Jews during an auction of Russian icons at Sotheby's in London on Monday. The protesters — all dressed elegantly for the occasion — apologized before they left. (AP radiophoto)

66 died in Soviet plane crash

PRAGUE (AP). — The crash of a Soviet jetliner at Prague airport on Monday claimed the lives of 66 of the 100 persons aboard, the Czechoslovak news agency CTK reported yesterday.

In the first official report on the toll, CTK said nine crew members and 25 passengers survived the crash, mostly with slight injuries. The dead included four crew members, 37 Russian passengers, 17 Czechoslovaks, five Cubans, one Pole, one East German, and one Rumanian, CTK said. (Earlier reports had said 77 people died on the crash.)

The Aeroflot Tupolev 154 burst into flames and broke apart as it attempted to land at Prague's Ruzyně airport after a regularly scheduled flight from Moscow.

Weather and flight conditions were good at the time of the crash, an investigating commission said after its initial probe into the cause of the crash.

The captain of the jet told the investigators the plane's stabilizer jammed as he came into land at Prague airport. Western airline officials said yesterday.

The officials quoted the captain, who escaped unhurt, as saying: "The stabilizer locked as we came in to land."

Airport sources attributed the survival of most of the crew, including the captain, to the fact that the fire had been most intense at the rear of the plane where the three turbofan engines were located.

Eyewitnesses said the plane began to trail smoke and flames as it approached the runway. One wing hit the ground and the fuselage broke into three parts.

'Only another minute to live'

PRAGUE (UPI). — "I thought we were coming in for a perfect landing. But seconds later I was trapped between seats and debris with a river of kerosene coming at me. I knew I had only another minute to live."

Jean Schaefer, 60, of Paris, one of the 24 survivors of the Soviet plane crash, gave this account from his hospital bed yesterday of how he escaped from the blazing aircraft.

"We were told by the captain that we were approaching Prague airport. There was nothing unusual aboard the plane."

Suddenly the plane lost speed. There were two hard thumps as we hit the ground. The aircraft was swinging from left to right. I don't know whether we were heading nose down or not — but it certainly felt as if the wheels weren't down.

In a split second I remembered the safety instructions. I put my head down and pushed against the seat in front of me. A second later, I was trapped between seats and debris. I couldn't move.

I saw smoke in the plane and a river of kerosene coming at me. I knew I had only another minute to live.

My neighbor to the right couldn't open her seatbelt. She wasn't hurt, but she was trapped.

The Russian crew came running out of the cockpit and slit my neighbor's seatbelt open with a knife. But they couldn't get to me. I was a prisoner.

That moment was the first time in my life I was glad of my military training. I remembered how we used to crawl under barbed wire. I got down on my back and worked my way under the seats.

I wriggled through the torn plane. Suddenly I got stuck again. But I used all my remaining strength to bend some metal out of the way.

Suddenly I was free. I saw an emergency chute a few yards away and was safe. One minute later I would have died in the flames as the gas tanks started exploding.

China bans Soviet wreaths at graves

MOSCOW (AP). — Communist China has again denied permission for Soviet diplomats in Peking to lay memorial wreaths at the graves of Russian soldiers killed during the Chinese revolution, Tass said yesterday.

The agency said the wreaths were to be laid in the Chinese cities of Shenyang, Harbin, Changchun and Dabay on Friday, the 58th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet Army and Navy.

Every year, the Soviet Embassy in Peking submits a request to the Chinese Foreign Ministry to allow the wreath layings, but the request has been refused in recent years.

40 Cairo students reportedly freed

CAIRO (Reuters). — Forty Egyptian university students detained during recent demonstrations here have been released, "Al Akhbar" newspaper said yesterday.

More than 100 students were arrested during the student disturbances which began early in January. The newspaper did not say how many students are still under arrest.

"Al Akhbar" newspaper said yesterday two delegates representing professors of Cairo and Ain Shams universities visited detained students on Monday.

Houston space centre named for Johnson

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (AP). — Legislation designating the Manned Spacecraft Centre in Houston, Texas, as the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Centre, has been signed by President Nixon.

"By his vision and his work and his support, Lyndon Johnson drew America up closer to the stars — and, before he died, he saw us reach the moon — the first great plateau along the way," Nixon said on Monday in signing a Senate resolution giving the late President's name to the centre.

11 Pakistanis, 24 drunken quails, arrested in U.K.

BRADFORD, England (UPI). — 24 quail. The birds were handed over to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Pakistanis — whom defence attorney Derek Waite said did not know quail-fighting was illegal in England — all pleaded guilty yesterday.

Prosecuting attorney David Morgan told the story when 11 Pakistanis appeared on charges of illegal gambling.

Quail-fighting, he said, was an old Pakistani custom. The quail were fed seed soaked in brandy. "They would live together quite happily, but after being fed the brandy-soaked seed they would set about other birds," Morgan said.

Police grabbed 24 drunken quail, all fighting mad. But Morgan said when they sobered up "they were quite friendly and thoroughly domesticated."

He said quail fights were organized like a floating crap game — every Sunday morning, but every Sunday in a different house.

Inspector James Burke and other policemen on three separate Sundays "saw groups of Pakistanis converging on different houses," Morgan said. "Many were carrying small bags which contained quails. Others were actually carrying birds in their hands."

Finally, on October 22, police broke down a door and raided one house.

"A white sheet was spread on the floor," Morgan said, "and birdseed was scattered about. Several quails were running loose and a number of men were holding bags containing quails."

"One man tried to hide in a cupboard," Morgan said. Another was found "in bed in his underclothing. Also in bed with him was a quail."

Police arrested 11 Pakistanis and

JUST IN CASE

PISA, Italy (AP). — Workers are burying huge cement blocks around the Tower of Pisa as part of an emergency plan to save the tower if its lean suddenly worsens.

There is no immediate danger, experts said, but a government commission charged with selecting a plan to solve the problem felt it should take no chances while it is studying proposals.

To provide for an emergency, the commission has decided to prepare the ground for a system of 18 retaining cables to be attached to the tower and to the cement blocks around it.

Once the cement blocks are laid about 100 metres from the tower, it would take just a day to attach cables.

The commission is to choose by November the winning entry in an international competition for save-the-tower projects. The government has set aside \$5,500,000 for the work.

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Marrying out, converting in'

THE rate of intermarriage in U.S. Jewry is almost 17% but there is also a favourable balance in favour of "conversion into" rather than "conversion out of" Judaism. These are two conclusions reached as part of the most comprehensive demographic study of U.S. Jewry yet made. It was directed by Prof. Fred Maserick of the University of California, Los Angeles, and was made under the auspices of the U.S. Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Presumably we will be hearing a lot about this three-year study in the near future. Meanwhile, this first report deals with intermarriage.

The overall intermarriage figure becomes more serious when broken down according to periods. From the beginning of the century until 1940, the figure was four to six per cent, but there was a sharp upswing to 12.5 per cent starting with World War II. This dropped slightly in the late fifties but there was a dramatic rise in the early 60s to 30 per cent and has now reached a figure of 43 per cent. The report shows that childhood environment bears heavily on the subject, as the more deep the

childhood involvement in Judaism, the less the likelihood of intermarriage.

The above intermarriage figures include all cases where the two partners come from different origins even where conversion occurs subsequent to their meeting. The most frequent conversion pattern concerns the initially non-Jewish wife of a Jewish husband. In more than a quarter of the cases considered, the non-Jewish wife becomes Jewish. Among non-Jewish husbands only 2.5 per cent report formal conversion. There is interesting information as to how these couples raise their children. Where there is conversion, the children are almost without exception raised as Jews. Where the wife is Jewish and the husband is not, over 98 per cent of the children are raised as Jews, and where a Jewish husband is married to a non-Jewish wife, 63 per cent of the children are raised as Jews.

These figures appear very high but more background information will be required before reaching conclusions. In this case, one would need to know the extent to which contact was made with intermarried couples who had cut themselves off from everything Jewish. There must be many such who are not raising their children as Jews and who may not have been reached in the survey.

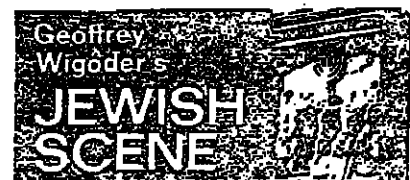
In the sphere of general Jewish identity, in response to the question "Is the person Jewish now?", 43-46 per cent of initially non-Jewish spouses describe themselves as Jewish, regardless of formalities.

Resentment at Israel attitude

A REPORT from New York in the London "Jewish Chronicle" speaks of dissatisfaction among American Jewish leaders with the recent attitude of Israel leaders to U.S. Jewry. It says that the manner in which Mrs. Meir's office allegedly seeks to manipulate Jewish political and communal action in the U.S. "has caused deep resentment" which it feels could come to a head during the tenure of the new Israel Ambassador there.

The correspondent records the critical views of Bert Gold, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, who feels that Israel's attitude of the Diaspora has been shortsighted. His question is "Who is it that determines that it is more important to provide funds for higher education in Israel than for Jewish education in the U.S.? Who decides that poor Jews in Tel Aviv need aid more urgently than poor Jews in Miami?" His reply is that the decision must be left to American Jews.

The report goes on to say that Mr. Gold echoes the views of several other important U.S. personalities, including Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, who feels there is need for a more intelligent and participatory method of consultation between Israel and American Jews. The cor-



respondent claims that Simha Dinitz, the Ambassador-designate to Washington, represents the segment of Israel leadership which addresses itself almost exclusively to the fund-raising qualities of American Jews. He expresses himself critically of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations for accepting uncritically the lines laid down by Mrs. Meir and her Foreign Ministry. The correspondent also says that, falling a new relationship, there will be growing receptivity for Dr. Nahum Goldmann's concept of a "new diaspora" and feels that, by stressing the need for foreign diaspora communities to strengthen themselves independently of Israel, Dr. Goldmann is providing ideological justification for diminishing the strong links between Israel and the Diaspora.

The phenomenon reported by the "Jewish Chronicle" should not be taken out of perspective. The Presidents' Conference, composed of the leaders of 24 major Jewish organizations, reflects the broad masses of U.S. Jewry. It is therefore unduly alarmist to headline this report "American Jews head for Rift with Israel." But at the same time, the trends reported are significant.

There is a great need for a basic reconsideration here in Israel of relationships with Jews abroad, especially in the U.S. We have been coasting along lines that became traditional many years ago, and the working out of more mature attitudes and relationships is long overdue. In Israel, the view from the top towards Diaspora Jewry is basically the financial appeal and the hope for aliyah; other aspects are left in the hands of the Zionist Organization. But this is not enough. It is vital to the country to see that the very underpinnings of Jewish unity do not come unstuck.

Davidman becomes tennis coach

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Elazar Davidman, long-time tennis champion, is becoming a professional tennis coach. At 36, he has now left his job as a draughtsman with the Ramat Gan Municipality, where he worked for 14 years, and has begun coaching at his Tel Aviv Maccabi Club — the "headquarters" of Israeli tennis.

Elazar is taking over from his father, Willy, who has been the club's coach since 1934, and who was also the Tennis Association's national coach for two decades.

Something of a child prodigy, "Lazar" Davidman was not yet 16 when he won the men's singles title at the 1952 Succot International Championships, the game's major annual meet. (He also successfully defended the boys' under-18 crown he had first taken the previous Succot, only 18 months after taking up tennis.)

The lanky left-hander, the only tennis player of international class Israel has so far produced, first headed the men's national rankings in 1954, and he remained the country's undisputed No. 1 racket for 16 years. He spearheaded Tel Aviv Maccabi to 18 straight championship titles in the National Tennis League.

Davidman has represented Israel in 17 of its 23 Davis Cup ties to date, winning 12 of his singles matches and five doubles. The former included his famous 1955 victory in



Elazar Davidman

London over British champion Mike Sangster, a Wimbledon semi-finalist and then one of the world's top 20 players. The "Daily Mirror" described this as "the biggest upset in the 65-year history of the Davis Cup." Since 1969, recurring illness has greatly restricted Davidman's competitive play. But during the past year improved health has enabled him to turn out for Tel Aviv Maccabi in doubles in the National Tennis League, and of late he has been playing some friendly singles matches. He no longer has to make a come-back, but he told *The Jerusalem Post* last week — "Just for my own satisfaction, if nothing else, I would like to play well again in singles."

The former champion already has considerable experience of coaching and has been a member of the Israel Professional Tennis Coaches Association since 1970. Davidman learned a great deal about tennis coaching in the mid-1960s, when he spent a year in Australia training with Harry Hopman, one of the most knowledgeable men in the game, and that country's noted Davis Cup coach.

Most of Davidman's pupils are boys and girls from the age of ten, and he intends to continue devoting the major part of his time to teaching the young.

BALANCED LINES

Music Review

Conventional programme

MUSIC AT KIN KAREM: Chaya Ritov, soprano; at the piano: Simon Sargen; Bracha Eden-Alexander, Tamar, Dina Flakelis (Four Male Chorus, Kin Karem, February 19). Mozart: Fantasy in F minor, for Piano Four-Hands; Liszt: Piano Sonata in B minor, "Sonata by Schubert and Schumann"; Chopin: Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 3; Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1, for Piano and Orchestra; Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1, for Piano and Orchestra; Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1, for Piano and Orchestra.

NEWCOMER from Russia, soprano Chaya Ritov, apparently wanted to demonstrate the whole range of her abilities, but Schubert and Schumann is not quite in her province. She sang much better with Debussy where lines were smooth and pleasantly balanced. The opera aria showed her best side to lie in the field of dramatic lyrical expression. This was again evident in her committed renditions of the Rachmaninov Songs at the end of the programme. Simon Sargen replaced scheduled pianist Lina Jacobson, who was ill. Mr. Sargen did a splendid job at the piano and provided the best possible support for the singer.

The duo-pianists contributed a Mozart Fantasy as a pleasant curtain-raiser and a trivial Rachmaninov Fantasy. There is no need to celebrate the composer's 100th birthday by excessively performing all his minor works (which form the majority of his output).

Following her meeting with President Nixon at the White House on March 1, Mrs. Meir will fly to Florida for the Inaugural Dinner on March 3 in honour of Sam Rothberg, General Chairman of the Israel Bond Organization.

Meir to launch Bonds campaign

NEW YORK. — Prime Minister Golda Meir is to launch the 1973 worldwide campaign for the sale of \$360m. in Israel Bonds at an International Inaugural Conference in Miami during her visit to the U.S. next month. It was announced here.

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MISS Avrech played a rather conventional programme. Most of our pianists are incapable of breaking the habit of limiting their repertoire to 19th century music.

Miss Avrech gave Berg a rather straight and somewhat oversimplified reading. Her main interpretational devices were crescendo and decrescendo, applied periodically within these frames, there was little nuance and sophistication. Her best achievement were the Beethoven Sonatas and the Chopin Polonaise. Her approach to the Sonatas was effective.

Contrasts were brought out impressively and movements had clear structure and outline. Schumann's Carnival, however, in parts lacked convincing musical consequence and technical accuracy. Chopin's Nocturne was much too sentimental, but the Polonaise showed that when Miss Avrech is not carried away by manneristic eccentricities, her Chopin can be impressive. BENJAMIN BAB-AM

Israel TV to screen film on Noguchi

By MEIR BONNER
Jerusalem Post Art Editor

BRIDGE
By George Levinrew

Israel in the Juan Les Pins Festival on the Riviera in May. Last Friday at the ongoing international bridge festival here a team-of-four contest between visitors and two Israel teams was won by the French team of Tintner-Yalouze and Goureau-Lebel. On Saturday evening there was a special side game for players who did not play in the team-of-four contest. There were 17 tables with the winners being Marina of Jerusalem.

This afternoon there will be a special masters' game to be followed in the evening by the closing banquet.

Tourism poster wins competition

The Israel Ministry of Tourism has been awarded an international first prize for the most successful series of tourist posters. The prize will be awarded in Berlin next month at a congress of U.S. and European officials concerned with tourism.

The Tourism Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem yesterday said that the greatest acclaim was won by an Israeli poster, the joint product of the Ministry and El Al, with the call: "Join the long list of people who have already visited Israel," followed by "List of visitors," which includes Abraham and Moses, Ezra and Nehemiah, Nebuchadnezzar and Cleopatra, Paul and Richard the Lion Heart, etc.

The poster was designed by the Progress advertising agency of London.

The film includes famous Noguchi projects like his Unesco Garden in Paris, the plaza setting for the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York and his water creations at the Osaka Expo. It is scored for voices and Japanese instruments (Noguchi, by the way, was born in America, he of mixed descent and began to learn Japanese as an adult; he makes his home in the U.S.). The "New Yorker" art critic, Harold Rosenberg, described the film as "a panorama of beautiful compositions."

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The need for clear thinking

Bridge requires clear thinking, and taking advantage of one's opponents' mistakes. It was in the Bridge Pair tournament at the bridge festival last week that this deal occurred:

WEST: ♠ K 8 6, ♥ J 4, ♦ A 10 9 8, ♣ 9 8 7 6 4. EAST: ♠ J 10 9 3, ♥ 7 5, ♦ 7 6 5, ♣ A 7 3 2. SOUTH (D): ♠ A 5, ♥ Q 10 9 8 3, ♦ K Q J 10 5, ♣ K Q J 10 5.

The bidding: WEST 1♠, NORTH 1♠, EAST 2♠, SOUTH 3♠. West naturally did not like to lead from his Kings, so he led a ♠. Declarer could not be sure of making more than 10 tricks, but see what happened. He at first assumed that West had all the outstanding high cards to justify his bid. But — West had not led the ♠ K. Therefore, he was probably lacking either the K or the Ace, probably lacking the Ace since he might very well have led it against opponents who did not mind.

The situation seemed clear so South led the ♠ A. This was covered by the K and Ace, and a ♠ was returned to the 10 and ♠. Again West led a ♠. This was surely a mistake, since starting at him from the dummy was the potential discard of three diamonds on the hearts. And of course this is what South did, guaranteeing for himself 11 tricks and the contract. But let's go on.

Declarer then ruffed his sole ♠ in dummy and returned to his hand with a ♠, leaving this end position.

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East had adequate opportunity to signal his high ♠, but West apparently was not aware of what was happening. On the play of the ♠ K and Q he blindly discarded the two spades! So 12 tricks were made for a top.

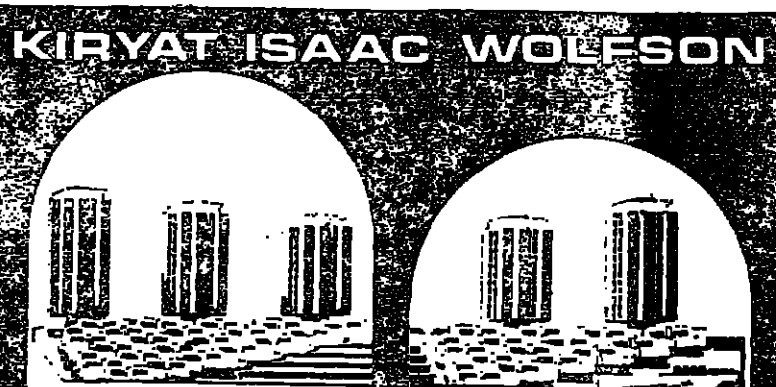
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Nixon enjoys a laugh with comedian Jackie Gleason when he is in Gleason's golf cart during a rain shower at a golf course in Lauderdale, Florida, on Monday. (AP radiophoto)

DOUBLE ROLE OF WOMEN HINDERS CAREERS AT UNIVERSITIES

ROCHELLE FURSTENBERG speaks to The Jerusalem Post about the double role that university women are called upon to play in their profession and in their life. She says that the standards for promotion are male and that women are not allowed to compete on equal terms with men in their profession although there is no overt discrimination.

It was the prevailing view in a symposium on "The Role of Women in Israeli Universities" which took place earlier at the Hebrew University. The symposium, sponsored by the Association of University Women, was a climate of low motivation created in women as a result of their ambivalent role. This came out by the statistics presented by Dr. Dorit Padan who has been researching on women in the university.

Although almost half of all students for their B.A. and M.A. degrees at the Hebrew University women, she reported, "only one percent of those getting their Ph.D. were women and 13 percent of those getting their M.A. were women. Of 500 professors 25 are women and of the 190 full professors there are only six women."

Dr. Padan also pointed out that there are frequently other obstacles to a woman's success. For example, a man might be given precedence to a woman for a job on the basis that her role as mother prevents her from performing her duties. "Women of high motivation," she said, "are often the only child becomes spoiled."

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Only child becomes spoiled

By James B. Peiper
MOSCOW (AP). — A PSYCHOLOGIST has urged Soviet parents to have more than one child. He said that the only child often grows up spoiled, lazy, egotistical, and a "family despot."

Dr. Peiper, a single child often does not have the "collective" spirit of a family. He said that a citizen constructing a family should have more than one child. He said that a citizen constructing a family should have more than one child.

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EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS: 1. Explosive devices (5); 2. Made tedious (5); 3. Western display (5); 4. Go at speed (3); 5. Danger (5); 6. Lumber (7); 7. Funnery (5); 8. Rocky height (5); 9. Shield (5); 10. Order (7); 11. Animal (4); 12. Two (4); 13. Church tower (7); 14. Advantages (6); 15. Rodent (4); 16. Weapon (5); 17. Strained (7); 18. Swift (5); 19. Year (5); 20. Shuffled (5); 21. Sluggers (5); 22. Measurements (5).

DOWN: 1. Goods vehicle (5); 2. American politician (7); 3. Pushed (4); 4. Functionally (5); 5. Dense (5); 6. Opera of the body (5); 7. Repeat (3); 8. Allows (7); 9. Male cat (3); 10. Bird (5); 11. Spanish form of address (5); 12. Expressed contempt (7); 13. Notions (5); 14. Stop (5); 15. Changed (7); 16. Layers (5); 17. Young (5); 18. Part of a bottle (5); 19. Premature (5); 20. Answer (5); 21. Expired (4); 22. Knot (5).

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

1. As wet as perspiration (5); 2. Some water in a tin, man (5); 3. Little boy time? (5); 4. Convinced that takes some robbing (3); 5. Add me mail to north Italian city (5); 6. Surfer liable to spit? (7); 7. Not heavenly with me in bed (5); 8. May prevent one entering (5); 9. Abandon (3); 10. Good place to get a shiner? (6); 11. Does try ruining the family name (7); 12. Naval hero? (4); 13. Expat in serious trouble (4); 14. In legend, he made a capital (7); 15. Such business aren't as good as gold (5); 16. Gross statement? (3); 17. Thus a chap mends shoes (5); 18. Spouse disturbing the royal race? (7); 19. A start in life (5); 20. It shouldn't be credited (in sailing ship) (5); 21. Sooty English crew-water (5); 22. Can you give thanks by "giving one"? (5); 23. A note sent round to put things right (5); 24. Home's pile of logs? (5); 25. Alternative to the orchestra pit? (7); 26. A small point to strike on (4); 27. A cheap lodger in Paris (6); 28. One-code sleeper? (5); 29. Thank...! (5); 30. Such things just won't get by blood? (7); 31. The French medical man's youngsters (5); 32. In a dark, it's deadly (5); 33. Improve on the other team's bicycles? (7); 34. Try out to be the reserves? (5); 35. It's not on the draughting side (3); 36. Quackish sportsman? (5); 37. Quinine answer to the tiger? (6); 38. Row and unripe (5); 39. Put out in a sweat (4); 40. Present service? (5).

Friday's Easy Solution

ACROSS: 1. Bomb, 2. Made, 3. Western, 4. Go, 5. Danger, 6. Lumber, 7. Funnery, 8. Rocky, 9. Shield, 10. Order, 11. Animal, 12. Two, 13. Church, 14. Advantages, 15. Rodent, 16. Weapon, 17. Strained, 18. Swift, 19. Year, 20. Shuffled, 21. Sluggers, 22. Measurements.

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EL AL GROUNDED

ONE hundred and twelve men employed as technical supervisors by El Al have defied the government of Israel, the Tel Aviv labour court and the Histadrut and are holding the national airline up to ransom. They have already caused El Al a loss of over \$11m. on account of passengers transferred to other lines. Hundreds of passengers discovered only at the last moment that their plane was grounded. Fortunately February is the low ebb of the tourist season and they could be shifted to other planes.

Unlike previous strikes, this one was marked by swift government and company action. The Cabinet met in extraordinary session and authorized El Al to take any measures it deemed necessary to continue its operations. As a temporary measure the company has made arrangements to fly passengers and freight in chartered aircraft, and two TWA planes were already in service last night, and 400 El Al employees sent on leave with as little warning as the supervisors gave of their strike.

This strike has demonstrated many points of which we have become painfully aware in the past year: the first is the more evident absence of the acceptance of any authority in Israel, whether the government, the Histadrut or even the courts, for the strike organizers not only failed to give the required 15 days' notice of intention to strike, but refused to appear in the labour court when called upon to do so. It is clear that the

present legislation on strikes cannot be effective if Histadrut rulings are not obeyed. There is notable reluctance in Israel to introduce innovations eight months before elections, but the price this country will be paying from now until then may snowball intolerably. If the engineers, technicians and even social science and the humanities professionals strike next week, El Al could be grounded again by another labour group even if this strike is settled.

Our economic achievements are in the process of being frittered away by the continuous proliferation of the wage structure and salary agreements. Overseas Jews who make large contributions to Israel are in turn questioning what has gone wrong in the field of Israeli labour relations, with all the difficulties this might draw in its wake.

It is not too late for the government to reverse the trend and prevent the periodical paralysis of the public services, ranging from water to hospitals, civil aviation and customs. However, part of both the frustration and the self-seeking of small groups of workers, often the best-paid, must be blamed on both the Histadrut and the government.

The El Al strike has gone far beyond the sphere of a normal labour dispute. It has entailed a blatant contempt of court which cannot be condoned, and will make an amicable settlement that much more difficult. The sad spectacle of a company asking the courts to rescind fines after a strike has been settled, which is what happened last time, should not be repeated.

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RELEASE OF SABOTEURS SHOCKS ITALIANS

Rome: a 'base of Arab terror'

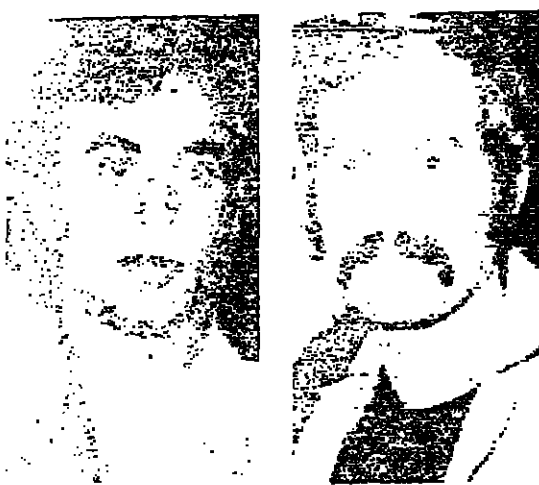
By LISA PALMER-BELLIS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ASTONISHMENT has been the general reaction here to the pre-trial release eight days ago of the two Arab terrorists charged with giving a body-trapped record player to two English girls which exploded aboard their El Al flight to Tel Aviv last August. The two terrorists are now believed to have left Italy. It takes no far leap of the imagination to surmise that the Italian Government has been subjected to pressures from the more powerful Arab oil states, just as it was not difficult to assume that the hijacking of a Lufthansa plane a few months ago, which ended with the freeing of Arab terrorists responsible for the Munich Olympic Games tragedy, had been negotiated beforehand.

Italy, with its state-run petroleum industry — AGIP and its filial ENI — is particularly vulnerable, depending as it does on the friendly approval of such countries as Libya. The atmosphere in diplomatic circles here is rather black, and a popular joke making the rounds suggests that, in place of official protests, Israel might do better to plant the rumour that an enormous quantity of oil had been discovered in Sinai.

The official court report on the pre-trial release of Ahmed Zaid, 24, of Iraq, and Adnan Mohammed Hashem, 28, from Jordan, explained their release on the grounds that "the bomb was not powerful enough to cause serious damage," that "the two prisoners were not the masterminds of this criminal action, only men who carried out orders and therefore were mere pawns of little importance and that "the psychological cause of the crimes attributed to Hashem and Zaid is different from the usual stimuli that determine criminal action."

It added that "the individual and social conditions of their lives count in their favour, considering they were born and lived in countries that have not been independent for long and



Ahmed Zaid, left, and Adnan Hashem.

are immersed in problems that will hopefully be resolved peacefully, without recourse to violence which is all the more deplorable if the laws of states foreign to these problems are broken."

The release of the two terrorist prisoners on the basis of such absurd official reasons which seem no more than a mockery of justice, amounts practically to an acquittal. Despite clear-cut evidence of their guilt, at the time of the explosion, it was generally agreed here that tragedy had been avoided only because of the security measures taken by El Al: all hand luggage was sent to the hold, which was specially reinforced, so that the record player did not rip the plane apart as it would have, had it been placed in the passenger compartment. It is ironic of the Italian authorities to assert now that the bomb was too weak to have caused serious damage.

But the fate of all Arab agents (and suspected agents) in Italy is not equally rosy. Wasil Zuaier, employed by the Libyan Embassy

in Rome as a translator, and head of Al Fatah in Italy, had — for unknown reasons — found his funds cut off shortly before he was gunned down last October.

A mysterious suicide of an Egyptian citizen who plunged to his death from a wall near the Colosseum, hands and feet tied, was reported earlier this month. The man's past is unclear. Officially a travelling businessman, on the day of his death a priest saw him roaming around, apparently drunk, and with his hands tied. The Egyptian told the priest he had been mugged by two men, and showed the priest that his trouser pockets had been ripped off and his wallet stolen. The priest untied him, but a few hours later he was found dead, bound hand and foot near the Colosseum.

Another strange episode was reported by the Rome daily "Il Messaggero" last week. A self-termed "Algerian secret agent" told the paper of an Arab plan to make an attempt on the life of a high-ranking official of the Israeli consulate in Geneva. The Algerian's face was swollen and bruises covered his body from blows he said he had received from co-conspirators when he had decided not to take part in the Geneva mission: "They thought I was double-crossing them." He said he was revealing the plan as revenge for having been beaten and kicked for two hours, but also to prevent an assassination. I could have got in touch with the Israeli Embassy, but I don't want to be thought a traitor."

Perhaps his story merely represented delusions, but what he said was disconcerting: "Rome is the base for Arab counter-espionage. They meet here to make decisions."

This is not the first time Rome has been described as a base for terrorist activities. Much has been written about the activities of Palestinian organizations in Italy and their ties with Italian Fascist groups, as well as to the Italian Communist Party. Against this background, the decision of the Rome court authorities to release Zaid and Hashem has somber implications.

BUILDING CRAZE

Haifa — a city being ruined

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I would like to add my voice to those expressing increasing dissatisfaction with the way Haifa has been and is being run. It was the last straw the other day when I travelled behind truck 78-528, which was emitting thick black smoke worse than I have ever seen before, and to my horror I found that it belonged to the Haifa Municipality.

This same day, a thick smog stretched from Nasser in the east to the power station in the west which, for Haifa residents, I assure you, is not unusual. Heavy construction lorries chugged up the narrow road to residential Carmel, the pile-up of cars adding to the heavy pollution. The pollution in Haifa is a disgrace and an insult to the founders of the State. I am a new immigrant from England and work in the field of pollution and I have seen heavier industry with more complex problems cope with their emissions.

The building craze is destroying the unique character of our city, huge ugly quarries are being torn from the surrounding parkland, even our beaches have not escaped and thick oil can be seen on them almost every day. For these disasters and others, I blame the city elders. Families are left to decay in shacks, tourism has now become almost non-existent. Where are our beautiful beaches and well-planned hotels? We have a lot to offer, but serve up an ugly, scarred mountainside and dusty woods. It has got to stop.

If Israel had a perfect democracy, we in Haifa (and elsewhere) would have a representative in the Knesset. He would be forced by public opinion to act on our behalf or lose his seat. Instead, we are left to grope with a long party list and inept servants of the Municipality.

Let us leave our children a beautiful Jewish State, if not an entirely affluent Israel.

DR. R. SAVAGE
Kiryat Bialik, February 7.

HOW TO CURB INFLATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — It is encouraging to read the Finance Minister's declaration to the effect that "inflation can be curbed" (February 7).

I've always believed in the cleverness of our Finance Minister. All he's got to do now is just curb it.

R. RILA
Tel Aviv, February 8.



Readers' letters

'YOU' AND 'US'

NEWCOMERS NEED A TOUGH SKIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — There seems to be a universal law that every wave of new immigrants causes resentment for some reason or other; the real reason, of course, is that most newcomers are different, and difference, in many people, provokes resentment.

In Israel, too, this is by no means a new phenomenon. In the almost prehistoric days of 1935 when I was a new immigrant, some tough youngster tried to push me out of a queue and, when I resisted and protested at his behaviour, he yelled at me: "Why don't you go back to your Kibbutz? Who asked you to come here, anyway?" And not a voice in the crowd was lifted against him. It shook me at the time, but I did not pack up and leave for the U.S.

While every effort must be made to receive our new immigrants in the best possible manner and to suppress every sign of discourtesy towards them, one can easily make too much of this situation. The fact that the Israelis are often rude because they do not know the difference between being tough and being rude. They are rude to newcomers, and they are just as rude to old-timers. Israelis are, let's face it, far too often just plain rude to everybody.

Regrettably as it may be, we all have come to accept this rudeness as part of the Israeli way of life which apparently cannot be changed, except by a wide, thorough and long-sustained educational effort of which there is no sign so far. And yet, we all have grown a tough skin here and have settled down, taking the good and the bad in our stride. And undoubtedly, the overwhelming majority of today's

new immigrants will do the same; they will be veterans tomorrow, and old-timers the day after.

DR. H. POLLAK
Nahariya, February 3.

Sir, — Before I came to Israel 40 years ago, I heard many complaints about the harsh treatment newcomers got from the old-timers here. I kept hearing these complaints through all the years, while about two million new immigrants arrived and settled down, as compared with the 350,000 Jews who were here when I first arrived. I think this proves beyond doubt that newcomers are being thoroughly assimilated by the old-timers and acquire all their bad habits, since it is the immigrants of last year who treat those of this year so badly.

All these complaints made me wonder when a new immigrant becomes an Israeli. I think I got the answer from Mrs. Eve Strauss (January 28) who talks in terms of "you Israelis" and mentions the fact that her family can always go back where they came from. Obviously a person thinking in these terms is not an Israeli. People who keep looking over their shoulder to see the way back and keep thinking in terms of "you Israelis" and "us" will find it hard to be absorbed.

D. SMIRYN
Haifa, February 1.

Sir, — It is transparent that, instead of all this carping and cawing and criticism of any newcomer, each and every one of us should provide a little of the milk of human kindness that each newcomer craves for.

BILL WILLIAMS
Kiryat Ono, February 4.

PASSING THE HOUSING BUCK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Immigrants often laugh when discussing their fruitless encounters with the state agencies they must submit themselves to in the process of absorption. Laughter starts when they discover that they are the principals in some yet to be written Kishon-esque satire. But when the immigrant finds that the same agencies charged with his absorption are in fact the very ones discouraging it, his amusement turns to indignation.

Our story begins in July, 1972 when we asked the manager of the Afeka branch of Amidar for the price of the apartment we are renting (we have a buyer's option). We were told that no price was available pending a decision by the government. So we waited. After six months, we decided to write to responsible state agencies expressing our wish to make permanent our aliya by our simple desire to learn the price of our apartment. Here is a summary of responses:

Secretary to Minister of Immigrant Absorption (21/12/72):

"Your matter was passed on to the Office of Immigrant Affairs."

Jewish Agency, N.Y. (4/1/73):

"We have written to our office in Israel and hope they will take action."

Office of Immigrant Affairs, Ministry of Absorption (29/1/73):

"Buying an apartment is in the hands of Amidar. We hope they will answer you."

Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, Haifa (6/3/73):

"Buying an apartment is only handled by Amidar."

Amidar, Dept. Public Affairs, Tel Aviv (8/2/73):

"We have sent the matter to our District Office in Galilee."

The Jewish Agency Dept. of Immigration, Jerusalem (9/2/73):

"The Ministry of Absorption tells us they don't know the price yet."

Beyond all of his buck-passing stands a disturbing question. Has the price been delayed to profit from the rising value of apartments? Does a delay in fixing the price of an apartment in a new immigrant building sold to Amidar several months previously and already fully occupied indicate an attempt to profit at the expense of new immigrants who cannot afford to buy on the private market?

Our indignation is shared by other immigrants, and we find it hard to laugh at this one.

MARTIN COHEN
Afeka, February 14.

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Dahomey strongman promises changes

By LARRY HENNINGER

COTONOU, Dahomey (AP). — Poverished Dahomey's latest strongman, 39-year-old army officer Mathieu Kerekou, is promising sweeping changes for this weary country on Africa's coast.

His "revolution of the calls for an end to corruption, to foreign exploitation, to alienation and political oppression. But, because Dahomey has more palace revolutions than other newly independent states in Black Africa, many people are sceptical.

Kerekou seized power last week with a handful of troops, smashing their way into the presidential palace.

The bloodless coup ended the most curious government in Africa — a rotating, presidential-council. This had been the "final addition" chronic tribal bickering that provoked nine changes of government, including five army overthrows, in 12 years.

Each of the politicians, in Maga, Justin Ahomadegbe, Sourou-Migan Apathy, and others, had been in power for a few months. But, because Dahomey has more palace revolutions than other newly independent states in Black Africa, many people are sceptical.

Kerekou, upon taking power, accused the council members of pardonable incompetence, nepotism, injustice, nepotism, regionalism, arbitrary acts. All three presidents and government ministers are currently under house arrest. Their actions in office are being studied by a special commission. Kerekou is a Sombe tribesman from the North, a professional officer in charge of a paratrooper unit until his appointment as Chief of Staff under the general he toppled. One of his first acts in power was to release an imprisoned officer for their part in abortive coup against the late last February.

Sleepy city

Nothing has changed in Cotonou, a sleepy city with a fringed beach, excellent cuisine, hotels for the tourists.



Major Kerekou

a small shopping district. French seem to run everything, including most banks, retail and boutiques and, unusual for Africa, pastry shops.

Kerekou has vowed to "completely reorganize" the French-dominated economic, cultural and social life of this country of 2 1/2 million people. The French are jittery, diplomatic observers doubt Kerekou plans a Uganda-style coup. French aid, as any Dahomey will concede, keeps the economy afloat and has ever since independence in 1960. Cultural life is also strong.

Nevertheless, Kerekou has urged a revision of economic, cultural and defence agreements with France. He is also urging a revision in existing investment code. Talk that Kerekou is a Marxist is being bandied about town. Informed diplomats say it is not. Asked in an interview about Kerekou's philosophy, he replied: "Dahomeyans eat philosophy. We eat Marxism. A foreign doctrine has already said our revolution will be pure."

Squeeze the French

A common explanation for the "revolutionary" rhetoric is that Kerekou wants to squeeze the French business community which enjoyed favoured status for years. Whatever his philosophy, Kerekou will have problems running a country which has few resources, a persistent government deficit, 3,000 jobs are created annually, the government to absorb growing student numbers. Most of Dahomey's people live in bush villages, cultivating crops carried to market on mules perched on the heads of mummies. The average annual income is less than \$80. Dahomey imports twice as much as it exports, with most goods sent from France. Since 1967, it is still looking for petroleum which could transform Dahomey's economy.

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MORE ABOUT HANK GREENSPUN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — AS a former resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, I have known lovely Barbara and Hank Greenspun for over 10 years. I read with great pleasure the article by Hannek Sher about Hank's continuous public-spirited devotion to Zionist causes and Israel (February 2). It should also be known that by supplying all sorts of weaponry to Israeli forces, Hank lost his precious U.S. citizenship, to be restored, I believe, during Johnson's administration. Hank is also known in Nevada as what I'd call a democratic or liberal Republican, who does not fear to denounce rascals in high public positions in his daily Las Vegas "Sun." He and Jerome Mack are also leaders in Jewish-Christian cooperation.

HENRY SOBEL
Netanya, February 4.